The share of agriculture in total exports (merchandise and services) was 8.06 per cent. As per RBI data, India's exports of services during 2003-04 was US$ 27,616 million accounting for 30.32 per cent of India's total exports (merchandise as well as services).

(c) Some of the key strategies adopted to enhance exports include: simplification of procedures, reduction in transaction cost, neutralisation of incidences of all levies and duties on inputs used for export production, facilitating development of India as a global hub for manufacturing, trading and services, identifying and nurturing special focus areas like agriculture, handlooms, handicraft, gems & jewellery and leather, footwear etc. In addition, Export Promotion Schemes like 'Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojna' (Special Agricultural Produce Scheme) and 'Served from India Scheme to accelerate the growth of agriculture and service export have been announced. Besides, Export Promotion Council for Services has been set up.

Development of Pragati Maidan

1024. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a project proposal for developing Pragati Maidan into a world class centre for international trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its cost and work-schedule; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Techno Economic Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and is being considered by the Government. The DPR, *inter-alia*, envisages an increase in the gross air-conditioned exhibition space, addition of a large Convention Centre, a permanent exhibition mart, multi-level parking, a captive power plant, food and beverage facilities etc. The estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 1260 crore.